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South Carolina is making good progress in the cotton manufacturing business, but its agricultural progress is marked. Here are the figures as furnished by the State Agricultural Department:

Table with 4 columns: Year, Cotton, Wheat, Oats. Rows for 1879 and 1888.

We do not possess official statistics to prove that the other important agricultural products of the State, but we are informed and believe that such is the fact, and that there is a wonderful increase throughout the whole line of them.

No State was so prostrated by Radical rule. No State has shown more rapid recuperation. We know but little of the inner life or the domestic life of royalty. There is a great deal of human nature in the palaces as well as in the cots.

What does this mean? The New York Commercial Advertiser of Monday says: "We have excellent authority for believing that before many hours have elapsed a prominent government official will make his presence known in this city, the object of his visit being to examine into certain irregularities practiced upon the government by certain large interests, which action, it is thought, will prove a bombshell in some quarters."

The Board of Directors of the Wilmington, Wrightsville & Onslow Railroad met at the office of the General Superintendent, E. F. Martin, yesterday, and transacted much routine business.

The Board of Directors will have an assessment on the capital stock of five per cent, payable forthwith. The capital stock subscribed is \$40,000, and the present assessment will be sufficient to complete the grading of the road.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Proceedings in Called Session. The Board of County Commissioners met at 12 o'clock yesterday afternoon, pursuant to a call of the Chairman.

On motion the resignation was accepted, after which the following preamble and resolutions were adopted: WHEREAS, Col. John D. Taylor has been elected to the position of City Treasurer and has severed his connection with this Board,

Resolved, That in parting with him we have lost a faithful and efficient officer, and that while we rejoice at his promotion, we deeply regret the severance of a connection which has been so uniformly pleasant and advantageous to the best interests of the county.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes and a copy of the same be handed to Col. John D. Taylor. The Board then proceeded to ballot for a successor to Col. Taylor, which resulted in the election, on the eighth ballot, of Mr. W. W. Shaw as Clerk to the Auditing Committee and Warden of the Outdoor Poor.

Magistrates of New Hanover County. The following may be relied upon as a correct list of magistrates for New Hanover county, as it will stand on the 1st day of August, including the old and new appointees:

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On that day a sea broke over the vessel, stove bulwarks and boats and flooded the cabin. The after end of the cabin was made airtight, but the sea struck and forced him against the rail, breaking it, though, his ribs.

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while his memory grows every day stronger and brighter. If our country stretches from ocean to ocean and from the Gulf to the lakes, to him we owe it. "If the mighty Mississippi rolls down to the sea, unvisited by foreign jurisdiction, it is chiefly due to his statesmanship."

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

Attempted Escape, Mr. Whinnymonth. A burglar and shot by Ray Statham. A school teacher brutally beaten by a pupil. Fatal Stroke of Lightning. Suicide of a Catholic Priest. Drunken Hotel Robbery.

MORNING NEWS, April 17.—Wm. Dorsey, a machinist, had been on the look-out for burglars, and had put a pistol under his head to be ready for them. During the night his wife left the room in the dark, and the door was found open.

WIRELESS, W. VA., April 17.—Miss Katie Griffith, a school teacher at Martins Ferry, in attempting to correct Wm. Beck, a fifteen year old pupil, was assaulted and beaten by the latter. They knocked the teacher's teeth out, and the child was thought to be fatally injured. The boy was arrested.

ST. PAUL, MINN., April 17.—Rev. Jno. Schenck, a Roman Catholic Priest, at Long Prairie, was found dead in his bed room Sunday, under circumstances which plainly point to suicide. The body was encased by a bullet wound and a revolver near his body. The cause of the act was deiphony.

CANTON, MISS., April 17.—Mr. L. G. Gland, a promising young lawyer, was accidentally killed in a shooting with Geo. Warner, while gunning to-day.

GREENSBORO, N. C., April 17.—The sheriff of this county, last evening, in attempting to quell a disturbance among a lot of tattooed men, was attacked by one of them named Dimes. The sheriff was shot, the sheriff fired, instantly killing Dimes.

Spirits Turpentine.

We have reason to think that Rev. Dr. T. H. Prichard would refer to North Carolina if the right sort of a very unextended to him. He is very influential in North Carolina when a worker here. He is a native of Davis county, we think, and is now in Louisville, Ky.

A Lincolnton correspondent writes that Mr. Andrews, a clerk in a drug store, was robbed of \$800 and his watch on last Saturday night. One Thomas Ferguson, a young white man, has been arrested and jailed. Ferguson saw Andrews counting the money and tried to borrow it. A bat for wood him come out of the hotel in which Ferguson slept late at night. There was some other evidence.

Winston Leader. At the meeting of the Southern Moravian Provincial Synod held in recent years, a very important question was under consideration of that of uniting the Northern and Southern Churches. The matter was highly debated, and was finally adopted in the affirmative. The matter is to be adjusted by a council also from both provinces.

New Bern Journal. The Directors of the Athletic Association held a meeting yesterday evening and awarded the contract for the lumber—150,000 feet—for the building of the new Lytle Hotel, a four-year old guest, walked into the bar yesterday and called for a bottle of beer.

Greensboro Messenger. Mr. John Robinson, an old citizen of this city, died of paralysis yesterday morning, aged 71 years. Mr. Robinson was a native of Ireland, a brother of the late Mr. Wm. Robinson. The body will be buried at 10 o'clock to-morrow.

Charlotte Journal Observer. Two shooting accidents occurred in Monroe, one of which will, in all probability, prove fatal. Both were the results of careless handling of pistols. A party of young girls, among whom was Miss Rebecca West, daughter of town marshal West, were playing with a pistol in the presence of Mr. E. C. Edgeworth, when a sharp report rang out, and Mr. Edgeworth fell to the floor with the blood streaming from his forehead.

Lenoir Topics. The jail fees of this county for 1887 amounted to \$31,447 for 1888, \$8,900 for 1889, so far. "Rogan red." Dr. Spaulnour and Mr. Rogan have continued their investigations and have made some valuable discoveries. On Tuesday and Wednesday of last week they opened a mound 75 yards distant from the first one, and within a few feet of the present bank of the Yadkin, all on Rev. T. P. Nelson's land. The skeletons of 27 Indians were found. Two distinct tombs were also discovered. There were six stone pipes, two of which were buried in the ground.

TENNESSEE. A River Steamer Sunk—No Lives Lost. Meeting of the Southern Press Association. Memphis, April 18.—The steamer Jno. S. Brunson, owned by Capt. Melton R. Harry, from St. Francis river for Cairo, with a cargo of turpentine, was wrecked at 1 o'clock this morning, at Deane's Island, forty miles above Memphis and sunk. The boat is valued at \$8,000 and insured for \$5,000.

A Good Foundation. In American households the prevailing complaint are weakness of the stomach and its consequences, indigestion, nervousness and Rheumatism. Such ailments can lay a good foundation for health by using Parker's Ginger Tonic, as it tones up the stomach and nerve, and keeps the kidneys active to carry off the foul matter.